



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:  
ATSM-QMG

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MEMORANDUM FOR Regimental Adjutant, Office of the Quartermaster General,  
US Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-1601

SUBJECT: Nomination for the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment for  
Colonel Steven W. Pate

1. It is my distinct honor and privilege to nominate Colonel Steven W. Pate for induction as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment for the year 2007. Colonel Pate's long and distinguished record of contributions to our Corps warrants his recognition as a Distinguished Quartermaster. Throughout his more than 22 years of dedicated service, Colonel Pate has held numerous command and staff positions always providing outstanding logistical support which is a true hallmark of a Quartermaster Logistician.

2. Noteworthy of all his career achievements is his successful tenure as Commander of the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion Task Force. Colonel Pate's Battalion was deployed to North-Central Iraq assigned to provide critical Combat Service and Health Support to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's largest Brigade Combat Team and a Cavalry Squadron. His supported unit was disbursed over an enormous battle-space making his logistical support even more critical. Because of his outstanding leadership and precise logistical planning, employment and Sustainment, the tactical commanders he supported never lacked the material resources they needed to accomplish the myriad of operational missions assigned. Colonel Pate's Support Battalion record of performance earned them the respect, admiration and confidence of every senior leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

3. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Colonel Pate has always remained focused on providing sustained logistics support to the maneuver commander. His actions have enabled them to go on and accomplish their war-time mission with the necessary resources they require. He is a consummate logistician and inspirational leader whose command philosophy brings out the best in his soldiers.

4. Colonel Steven W. Pate is most deserving of this esteem recognition from his fellow Quartermasters. I enthusiastically support his induction and respectfully ask the esteemed board to recognize his many accomplishments as those worthy of becoming a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

Respectfully,

JAMES C. TOLBERT  
Deputy Chief, Office of the Quartermaster  
General

## **Biographical Data for Colonel Steven W. Pate**

Colonel Steven W. Pate was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps upon completion of the Reserve Officer Training Program in 1985 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. After his initial officer training at Fort Lee, Virginia, he was posted to Camp Humphrey's Korea 1985 to 1986 as a platoon leader and property book officer in the 194<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion, and then assigned as the Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the 19<sup>th</sup> SUPCOM in Taegue, Korea from 1986-1988.

After completion of the Officer Advance Course, he was assigned to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division from 1988 to 1991 where he served as the Logistics Automation Systems Support Officer in the Division Material Management Center and later as the Company Commander of the HSC 407<sup>th</sup> Supply and Transportation Battalion where he deployed his unit to support Operations Desert Shield / Storm. He was then assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment – Delta initially as the Supply and Service Troop Commander and then as the unit Logistics Officer from 1991 to 1995. Following graduation from the Command and General Staff School and School of Advanced Military Science he was posted to Germany as the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division G4 Planner from 1996 to 1997 serving in SFOR and subsequently as the Support Operations Officer for the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dagger Brigade Combat Team from 1998 to 1999. He returned to Fort Bragg to the Joint Special Operations Command serving initially as a Logistics Plans and Operations Officer and then as the Chief of Logistics Plans and Operations from 1999 to 2002. On 21 June 2002, he assumed command of the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion at Camp Bondsteel Kosovo in the conduct of KFOR 4A. Under his tenor he redeployed the battalion from Kosovo and then prepared, deployed and redeployed the battalion to Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom – II. Following command Colonel Pate attended the US Army War College and is currently assigned to Fort Lee Virginia as the Chief for the Office of the Quartermaster General.

Colonel Pate holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, and a Masters of Military Arts and Science Degree from the School of Advanced Military Science, Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth Kansas; and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Army Achievement Medal (3OLC). He also served with units when they received the Joint Valorous Unit Award, Valorous Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, two units that received the Meritorious Unit Commendation (1 OLC).



## **Narrative Description of Significant Contributions for Colonel Steven W. Pate**

Colonel Pate provided flawless Combat Support and Combat Service Support for Joint Chiefs of Staff directed exercises and "Operation Enduring Freedom" in one of the most demanding mission areas in DoD. As Chief of the Logistics Operations Division, he faced even greater challenges balancing a near-overwhelming workload against severe personnel shortages. His innate ability to analyze mission requirements, accurately forecast resources made the challenges virtually transparent to the Command. Colonel Pate thrives in the joint environment, in early September 2001 he was the lead logistics planner in the midst of executing an OCONUS exercise involving four countries and three major operating locations. The tragic events of September 11, 2001 resulted in an immediate recall of all forces back to CONUS. Anticipating immediate action, Colonel Pate crafted a comprehensive reconstitution plan involving over 1,500 participants and related equipment and marshaled them through a central redeployment site culminating with a reconstituted force in less than 96 hours. His actions make this a Herculean feat because the majority of CONUS air routes were closed immediately following the events of September 11, 2001.

Colonel Pate served as Chief of the Logistics Plans and Operations Division for the Joint Special Operations Command; the standing Joint Special Operations Task Force for United States Special Operations Command postured for immediate worldwide deployment in support of missions covering a wide spectrum of conflicts. He was responsible for the command's logistical readiness for contingency missions directed by the Secretary of Defense in which the command's response was within four hours of notification. He formulated plans and coordinated logistics support with Unified Commands, theater support activities, embassies, and other governmental agencies. Colonel Pate was the lead planner for Joint Readiness Exercise "4-00 a level III Ellipse series" exercises in the Pacific Theater of Operations and the National Command Authority "Aurora Lightning" contingency operation. He conceived, developed and implemented logistics procedures and plans that produced excellent results culminating in successful exercises. His joint logistics plan supported military forces and other governmental agencies at multiple locations including an Afloat Forward Staging Base. Colonel Pate demonstrated a consistent pattern of excellence in planning and executing logistics support to the Joint Special Operations Task Force.

Colonel Pate assumed command of the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion in the midst of the unit's deployment preparation to Kosovo. While deployed, his unit developed and executed an aggressive plan to reduce logistics stocks and facilities setting conditions for a reduced American presence while recovering millions of dollars of equipment and supplies. Colonel Pate is a true multi-functional logistician, trainer, coach and mentor who knows and understands how to provide Combat Support to the maneuver commander. His methodical and thorough management of supply, maintenance, and transportation from the foxhole to the wholesale level was the driving force behind the spectacular readiness rates across the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team. Colonel Pate was viewed as a mature logistician extremely technically competent at the direct support level. He successfully conducted split based operations leading his unit through challenging logistics demands for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team. His successful rear detachment operation cared for families while meeting on-going mission requirements in Germany. His battalion earned a great reputation as a superior Support Battalion with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team and within the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.

Colonel Steven W. Pate delivered a phenomenal combat command performance while serving as the Commander of the 299<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion Task Force, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized). Colonel Pate's Battalion was deployed to North-Central Iraq responsible for providing Combat Service and Health Support in support of simultaneous combat and stability operations in support. His sterling command performance, dedication and unrelenting efforts were instrumental in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team achieving mission success throughout the operational deployment. The 299<sup>th</sup> FSB provided world class supply support 24/7 to the largest Brigade Combat Team in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's Task Force. Through Colonel Pate's command climate and direct leadership, his Battalion created and sustained a combat readiness rate at or better than 90%. This tremendous accomplishment enabled the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team to mass critical combat power at decisive points during the war. The tactical commanders Colonel Pate supported never lacked the material resources they needed to accomplish the myriad of combat missions they were assigned. Colonel Pate and his well disciplined and trained soldiers earned the respect, admiration and confidence of every senior leader of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.



## Summary of Service Data

### Duty Assignments

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Chief, Office of the Quartermaster General US Army Quartermaster Center and School	June06	Present
Commander, 299 <sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion Assumed Command while unit was deployed to Kosovo Deployed to Balad Iraq in support of OIF-II	Jun02 Feb04	Nov02 Feb05
Chief, Logistics Plans and Operations Joint Special Operations Command	Aug99	Jan02
Support Operations Officer 299 <sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion, 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division	Jul98	Jun99
G4 Plans Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, Wurzburg Germany	1996	1997
Logistics Officer and Supply and Service Troop Commander 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment Delta Force	Nov91	Oct95
Commander, HSC 407 <sup>th</sup> Supply and Transportation Battalion Based at Fort Bragg, deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Storm	Dec89	Apr91
Logistics Automation Officer Division Materiel Management Center, 82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division	1988	1991
Aide de Camp 19 <sup>th</sup> Support Command, Taegue Korea	1986	1987
Platoon Leader 194 <sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion, Camp Humphrey Korea	1985	1986

## **Awards and Decorations**

Bronze Star Medal  
w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
w/Oak Leaf Cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal  
w/Oak Leaf Cluster  
Army Commendation Medal  
w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with Bronze Star  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal  
Kuwait Liberation Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
NATO Medal  
Army Service Ribbon  
Overseas Service Ribbon (4<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Iraq Campaign Medal  
Korea Service Medal  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Armed Forces Service Medal  
National Defense Medal  
Combat Action Badge (2<sup>nd</sup> Award)  
Parachutist Badge  
Parachute Rigger Badge  
Senior Parachutist Badge

## **Unit Citations**

Meritorious Unit Citation (w/oak leaf cluster)  
Joint Valorous Unit Award  
Valorous Unit Award  
Army Superior Unit Award

## **Promotions**

2LT  
1LT  
CPT  
MAJ  
LTC  
COL

## **Year**

22 May 1985  
22 Nov 1986  
01 Sep 1989  
01 Mar 1996  
01 May 2001  
01 Oct 2006

**Military Education****Year Completed**

Army War College	2006
Joint Professional Military Education Course II	1998
Support Operations Course	1997
School of Advanced Military Studies	1997
Command General Staff College	1997
CAS3	1993
DS4	1989
Jumpmaster Course	1989
Logistics Management Development Course	1988
PRCHT Maintenance Supply Officer Course	1988
Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course	1988

**Civilian Education**

Bachelor Business Administration, Accounting, Stetson University	1985
Masters of Military Arts/Science, US Army Command General Staff College	1997
Master Science, Strategic Studies, US Army War College	2006

**Other Significant Awards**

Infantry Order of Saint Maurice

**Nomination Information for  
Colonel Steven W. Pate**

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